

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new claims 8-12 as follows:

**LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS**

Claims 1-7. (Canceled)

Claim 8. (New) A separable and foldable tablet PC assembly comprising:

- a) a data input device;
- b) a slate-like table PC movable between a connected and a disconnected position and having:
  - i) a receiving cavity located in a bottom thereof;
  - ii) a mating connector located in a bottom thereof; and
  - iii) a hooking groove connector located in a bottom thereof; and
- c) a combining seat having:
  - i) a base portion pivotally connected to a top edge of the data input device;
  - ii) two guiding arms having a predetermined equal length and holding the slate-like table PC, one of the two guiding arms extending outwardly from each of two opposing ends of the base portion, each of the two guiding arms having a guiding recess, the slate-like table PC is selectively inserted between the guiding recess of the two guiding arms;
  - iii) a pair of connectors spaced apart on a top of the base portion, one of the receiving cavity and the mating connector engaging each of the pair of connectors of the combining seat; and
  - iv) at least one hooking device located in a middle region of the base portion, each of the at least one hooking device having a sliding button slidable located on an exterior surface of the base portion and a hook connected to the sliding button and

extending from the top of the base portion, the hook selectively  
25 engaging the hooking groove of the slate-like table PC,  
wherein, in the connected position, the slate-like table PC is located one of  
a type-inputting position and a handwriting-inputting position, and secured to the  
combining seat by each guiding recess of the two guiding arms and the at least one  
hooking device, and in the disconnected position, the slate-like table PC is  
30 separated from the base portion for independent use.

Claim 9. (New) The separable and foldable tablet PC assembly according to  
claim 8, wherein the data input device includes a keyboard and a touchpad located  
adjacent to the keyboard, a front edge of the data input device having a thickness  
that is greater than a thickness of a rear edge thereof.

Claim 10. (New) The separable and foldable tablet PC assembly according  
to claim 8, wherein each guiding recess of the two guiding arms having a  
symmetrical U-shaped cross section.

Claim 11. (New) The separable and foldable tablet PC assembly according  
to claim 8, wherein the pair of connectors are located on opposing sides of a center  
of the base portion, each of the pair of connectors having a plurality of data-  
transmitting terminals and a plurality of power-supplying terminals for transmitting  
data to and recharging the slate-like table PC respectively.

Claim 12. (New) The separable and foldable tablet PC assembly according  
to claim 8, wherein the slate-like table PC includes at least one positioning hole, the  
base portion includes at least one positioning post located on the top thereof and  
selectively inserted into the at least one positioning hole.